

### REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for a conductor coupling first and second contacts and extending generally along a plane. The plane is defined as that plane of face-to-face abutment between a display panel and a circuit board. The cited reference to Oka admittedly teaches no such conductor. The conductor is allegedly taught in Wachtler.

However, Wachtler is the conventional approach of simply lining up contacts on one device and the other device and directly bridging them. The claim calls for an offset conductor which allows elements that are not aligned with one another to be connected. Namely, the conductor couples the first and second contacts and extends generally along the plane. The solder balls 22 do not extend along the plane, which would be parallel to the elements 18 and 24, in Figure 7 of Wachtler.

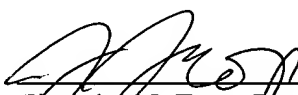
Instead, they simply extend between contacts on the PC board 24 to contacts on the overlay 18. In contrast, notice, in Figure 2 of the present application, that the conductors 32 extend along the plane of interface, allowing connections to be offset.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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